



Sicangu Resource Development Survey

Thank you for taking the time to share your voice.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe is developing its **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**—a community-driven plan that will help guide economic growth, housing development, business opportunities, infrastructure investment, and long-term prosperity for our people over the next five years. This survey is an opportunity for community members, families, business owners, elders, and youth to help shape that future. Your feedback will help Tribal leadership better understand:

- Community strengths we can build upon.
- Challenges and barriers we must address.
- Economic opportunities we should pursue.
- Housing and infrastructure needs.
- Priorities for business development, education, recreation, and cultural spaces.
- Your vision for a stronger, healthier, and more prosperous Rosebud.

There are no right or wrong answers—we want your honest thoughts, ideas, and experiences. Some questions allow you to select from a list, while others invite open-ended responses so you can share what matters most to you.

Your voice matters. By participating, you are helping build a plan that reflects the hopes, priorities, and vision of our communities.

If you prefer to take this survey now in hard copy, please return it to Sicangu Resource Development; 1004 Omaha St. Mission, SD 57555 or call 605-856-5644 and our staff would be happy to pick it up. If you prefer take this survey in e-copy, the QR code is below.



THOUGHTS ABOUT THE DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

1. HAVE YOU READ THE DRAFT CEDS?

Yes →

1a. If “yes”, please answer the questions below. If “no”, please skip to the Housing Needs section.

No

1b. Are there any specific goals or objectives in the Draft CEDS that you feel should be prioritized over the next five years?

1c. What economic projects or initiatives would you like to see added to the plan that are currently missing?

1d. Do you have any concerns regarding the proposed implementation strategies outlined in the document?

1e. In what ways can the Tribe better support local businesses and entrepreneurs according to the framework of this plan?

HOUSING NEEDS

1. HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE YOU ALLOWING TO STAY AT YOUR HOME WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE CONSIDERED “HOMELESS” OR “HOUSELESS” IF YOU DID NOT PROVIDE THEM WITH A PLACE TO STAY?

Number of people: _____

2. WHY CAN'T THOSE PEOPLE FIND HOUSING? (select all that apply)

- Economic hardship
- Lack of housing
- Lack of caretakers (youths)
- To be with relatives
- Other (please specify):

3. DO YOU HAVE CREDIT?

- Yes No

4. HOW MUCH DO YOU PAY FOR HOUSING PER MONTH?

\$ _____

5. WHAT ARE THE GREATEST HOUSING ISSUES/CHALLENGES FACING THE ROSEBUD RESERVATION?

- Lack of housing
- Quality of housing
- Price of housing
- Housing in disrepair
- Limited other housing types to choose from (i.e., apartments, townhomes, duplexes, etc.) that may fit a certain age or social group
- Other (please explain):

6. HOW INTERESTED ARE YOU IN A RENT-TO-OWN PROGRAM?

- Very disinterested Disinterested Neutral Interested Very interested

7. ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT OR GUARDIAN?

- Yes No

8. DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAVE INTERNET ACCESS?

- Yes No

BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL, AND SERVICES

1. OF THE INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW, PLEASE SELECT (5) THAT YOU BELIEVE WOULD IMPACT THE TRIBE AND LOCAL AREA IN A GOOD WAY.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Services Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Industry/ Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Wash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Station | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Dollar Store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentist | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Spa/ Massage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Bakery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Market | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting Lodge | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardware Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Barber/ Beauty Salon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemp production | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing Store/ Swap Shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanic/Oil Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat Locker/Game Processing | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Cleaner | <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke Shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery Store/Food CO-OP | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Space to Rent | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C-store/ Gas Station | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Meats Storage/ Prep | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Food Store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Shop/Internet Café | <input type="checkbox"/> Police Station | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy (ex. Walgreens) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Share/ Park & Ride (to a big city like Rapid City) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Shops | <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank/ Check Cashing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Incubator | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supply store | <input type="checkbox"/> Time Share | | |

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL SPACES

1. OF THE INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW, PLEASE SELECT (2) THAT YOU BELIEVE WOULD IMPACT THE TRIBE AND LOCAL AREA IN A GOOD WAY.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Ceremonial House | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pow Wow Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Outpost Farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweat Lodge | <input type="checkbox"/> Immersion K-12 School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/ Visitors Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VO- Tech School | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Lab |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Education such as Charter School, Waldorf, or Montessori School | <input type="checkbox"/> Immersion Day Care/ Headstart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House of Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

SITE ELEMENTS

1. OF THE INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW, PLEASE SELECT (3) THAT YOU BELIEVE WOULD IMPACT THE TRIBE AND LOCAL AREA IN A GOOD WAY.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking
<input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalks
<input type="checkbox"/> Street Lights
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands/ Ponds
<input type="checkbox"/> Park/ Picnic Tables
<input type="checkbox"/> Trash Collection
<input type="checkbox"/> Statues/ Other Art
<input type="checkbox"/> Removal of Junk Cars/ Trailers
<input type="checkbox"/> Commons/ Plaza Space
<input type="checkbox"/> Solar Panels
<input type="checkbox"/> Bus Stops/ Transit | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Scenic Overlook
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish/ Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Coop
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycling
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Fields
<input type="checkbox"/> Berries/ Fruits
<input type="checkbox"/> Wind Turbines
<input type="checkbox"/> Oil and gas Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Horse Pasture | <input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo Pasture
<input type="checkbox"/> Fenced in Dog Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Livestock
<input type="checkbox"/> Raised Wetlands Path
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine Plants
<input type="checkbox"/> Geo-Thermal
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION

1. OF THE INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW, PLEASE SELECT (3) THAT YOU BELIEVE WOULD IMPACT THE TRIBE AND LOCAL AREA IN A GOOD WAY.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ball Field (Football, Soccer, Baseball, Lacrosse)
<input type="checkbox"/> Trails (Walk/Run)
<input type="checkbox"/> Movie Theater/ Drive-in movies
<input type="checkbox"/> Minigolf
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course
<input type="checkbox"/> Ropes Course/ Climbing wall
<input type="checkbox"/> Live Music/ Dancing

<input type="checkbox"/> Waterparks/ Swimming Pool/ Slides | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails (Horse Rides)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rec Center for Indoor Sports
<input type="checkbox"/> Gym/ Fitness Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Casino
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Playground
<input type="checkbox"/> Liquor Store/ Bar
<input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Games
<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting/ Archery Range
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Alley
<input type="checkbox"/> R.V. Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Center (Boys & Girls Club)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rodeo Grounds
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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RESIDENTIAL/FACILITY/SHELTER

1. OF THE INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW, PLEASE SELECT (2) THAT YOU BELIEVE WOULD IMPACT THE TRIBE AND LOCAL AREA IN A GOOD WAY.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 5 Bedroom House
<input type="checkbox"/> Elder Assisted Living/ Senior Care Facility
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Story Apartment Building
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/ Motel
<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home/ Trailer
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Camp Grounds
<input type="checkbox"/> College Dorm
<input type="checkbox"/> Expand Rosebud Dorm
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 to 3 Bedroom Duplex
<input type="checkbox"/> Tiyospaye Housing Compound | <input type="checkbox"/> Tipi
<input type="checkbox"/> Detox/ Rehab facility
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Bedroom Apartments
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Manufactured Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Bed & Breakfast
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Shelter
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Shelter
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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BARRIERS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

1. WHAT ARE THE GREATEST BARRIERS TO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ON THE ROSEBUD RESERVATION? (select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Politics
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to capital
<input type="checkbox"/> Roads
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure/utilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Land availability
<input type="checkbox"/> Substance use
<input type="checkbox"/> Workforce readiness | <input type="checkbox"/> Availability of workers
<input type="checkbox"/> Too few customers
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to marketing services
<input type="checkbox"/> Remoteness/proximity to major markets
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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2. WHAT ARE THE MOST PRESSING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR THE RESERVATION?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Roads
<input type="checkbox"/> Water/sewer
<input type="checkbox"/> Power
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> Land
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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NATIVE-OWNED BUSINESSES

1. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT TRIBAL-OWNED BUSINESSES?

2. WHAT DO YOU DISLIKE ABOUT TRIBAL-OWNED BUSINESSES?

STRENGTHS AND CHALLENGES (S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS)

1. OUR GREATEST POWER (STRENGTH): WHAT IS OUR BEST ASSET FOR GUILDING A LAKOTA-LED ECONOMY? (select one)

- Our Land & Natural Resources (Land, Water, Buffalo, Clean Air)
- Our Culture & Language (Traditional values and Lakota identity)
- Our Sovereign Rights (Treaty Rights, Self-Governance, Tribal Law)
- Our People & Spirit (Resilience, youth population, community loyalty)
- Other (please specify):

2. INTERNAL BARRIERS (WEAKNESSES): WHAT STOPS US FROM SUCCEEDING FROM WITHIN? (select all that apply)

- Administrative & "Red Tape" Barriers
 - Siloed Programs: Departments not talking to each other or sharing resources.
 - Federal Compliance Hurdles: Too much "red tape" and jumping through hoops required by federal agencies.
 - Slow Permitting/Paperwork: Great ideas dying in the process because approvals take too long.
 - Lack of Awareness: Community members not knowing what services or opportunities are available to them.
 - Other (please specify):
- Leadership & Process Barriers
 - Meeting Inconsistency: Committees and change-makers not meeting regularly or sticking to the agreed-upon agenda.
 - Selective vs. Inclusive Planning: Feeling like only a few voices are heard rather than the whole community.
 - High Staff Turnover: Losing trained people in key positions, which resets project progress.
 - Grant Management Capacity: Having the ideas but not enough "boots on the ground" to handle the reporting and paperwork.
 - Other (please specify):
- Physical & Structural Barriers
 - Complexities of Trust Land: The difficulty of building or starting a business on land held in trust.
 - Lack of Workforce Housing: No place for professionals or young families to live close to work.
 - Insufficient Maintenance: Having good buildings or equipment but no budget/staff to keep them running.
 - Other (please specify):

3. PROTECTING OUR FUTURE (EXTERNAL RISKS): WHICH OF THESE "OUTSIDE" THREATS ARE YOU MOST CONCERNED ABOUT FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE? (select all that apply)

Nature & Resources

If you selected Nature & Resources, check from the list below to be more specific.

- Water Rights: Outside groups or states trying to take or restrict our Tribal water.
- Unpredictable Weather: Changes that make it harder to raise buffalo or grow traditional foods.
- Natural Disasters: Not being ready for severe blizzards, floods, or wildfires.
- Other (Please specify):

Money & Technology

If you selected Money & Technology, check from the list below to be more specific.

- Energy Grid: Rising electricity costs or the outside power grid failing during a crisis.
- Supply Chain: Not being able to get food, medicine, or parts from off the Reservation.
- Cyber Threats: Losing internet or banking access due to outside technology failures.
- Cost of Living: High inflation making it too expensive for the next generation to stay on the land.
- Other (please specify):

Rights & Health

If you selected Rights & Health, check from the list below to be more specific.

- Federal Policy: Changes in laws that threaten our Tribal sovereignty or funding.
- Health Crises: Not having enough local medical resources to handle future pandemics.
- Other (please specify):

Other (please specify):

- Extreme summer heat
- Severe winter storms/blizzards
- Water shortages/droughts
- Other (please specify):

4. WHAT DO YOU VIEW AS OUR TRIBE'S MAJOR STRENGTH(S)?

5. WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS OUR MOST CRITICAL WEAKNESS?

6. WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE OUR MOST SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES?

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7. WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS THE TRIBE'S BIGGEST THREAT TO SUCCESS?

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8. THE VISION: IN ONE SENTENCE, WHAT DOES A "FREE AND PROSPEROUS ROSEBUD" LOOK LIKE TO YOU IN 10 YEARS?

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9. YOUTH & FUTURE: WHAT IS THE #1 THING WE NEED TO BUILD SO OUR CHILDREN DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE THE RESERVATION TO FIND A GOOD LIFE?

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